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Collins Gives Fidel Long Look

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TALLAHASSEE — Gov. LeRoy Collins said Wednesday he is reserving his opinion of Premier Fidel Castro's government in neighboring Cuba.

But he told a press conference he hopes a report of Castro's meeting with a group of Seminole Indians is not indicative of his government's stature.

Collins referred to an announcement by Miami Attorney Morton Silver that the Cuban government has formally recognized the Miccosukee Seminole nation. The



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leaders of the tribe, long at odds with the U.S. government, visited Havana last weekend.

The governor was asked if he considered Castro's action as meddling in internal affairs of Florida and the U.S.

"I don't know how seriously to take that report. If it is a recognition on the part of the Cuban government," Collins declared, "I hope it is not a measure of that government's responsibility."

Collins, chairman of the national governor's conference, said he expects the meeting of that organization at San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aug. 2-3 to "make a substantial contribution to improving our Latin American relations."

Dr. Galo Plaza, former president of Ecuador, and U.S. Secretary of State Christian Herter will participate in a conference program on Latin American affairs.

A highlight of the conference, the governor said, will be a talk by Allan Dulles, CIA director.